

April 8th, 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope you have been able to enjoy some lovely family time in this beautiful sunshine, albeit in your own backyards!

Yesterday a decision was made by the Victorian Government regarding what Term 2 would look like and the following announcement was made. *"To increase physical distancing across the population and slow the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), children in Victorian schools should move to remote and flexible learning and care at the commencement of Term 2."* Term 2 commences next Wednesday, 15th April.

The Government has indicated that, **from the start of Term 2 all students who can learn from home must learn at home.**

I want to assure you, that teachers of Sacred Heart, though working remotely from home, remain focused on the education of your child/ren. They will continue to provide support for your child as they work from home. Information about our learning packs, lessons, timetables and how to seek and get support for your child will be provided as soon as possible.

All students, whether they are on the school site or learning at home, will have the same work provided for them.

The Government's firm request is that all students will be learning from home, except for those children of workers in essential industries and those children who are vulnerable.

I have been asked to ensure I have a skeleton staff on-site each day to educate and supervise these children. Sacred Heart School will have such a staff at the school to meet this requirement but will have a very limited amount of staff at school as we also try to reduce the spread of this virus.

For those children who are to attend school and who fit the category the Government described as workers in essential business and the vulnerable, social distancing will be implemented.

I will provide further information to families regarding collection of learning packs and/or registering your child's attendance in Term 2 as soon as I am able.

My thanks to you for your support and I hope all our families are staying safe and happy in these trying times.

Yours sincerely

Pauline Hindson
Principal